

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

A.M.
6/27/06
A. In Claim 9:

a. Line ¹⁸~~10~~, after "composed" insert --of--;

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Andre Wilford (Reg. No. 26,597) on May 10, 2006.

Allowable Subject Matter

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:
Regarding claims 9 and 17:

The primary reason for the allowance of claims 9 and 17 is the inclusion of the tip of said spike is composed a more noble metal than said jacket. It is these features found in the claim, as they are claimed in the combination that has not been found, taught or suggested by the prior art of record, which makes this claim allowable over the prior art.

Claims 10-14 are allowed due to their dependency on claim 9.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue